

March 18, 2015
8:35 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Fred Springsteen, Jennie Scarborough, Alisha Kern, Kevin Greenwood. Absent: Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Paul Stangeland, Mark Saelens, City Council Liaison.

Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva and Jeff Schranz.

Action Items

MOTION was made by Springsteen to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 meeting. Scarborough seconded. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Public Comment

Jeff Schranz introduced himself and gave a short description of his interests and work, noting that he had submitted an application to become a Committee member.

Director's Report

Protiva noted that he had presented the "No smoking in City Parks" proposal to the City Council, and they committed to hold a public hearing on the issue. Protiva mentioned that the Home and Garden show would be held in May, and he was in the process of recruiting vendors. Protiva added that the parking demand analysis had been completed for the new pool, which included the entire City campus with proposed modifications. The report concluded that there would be adequate parking for regular usage, but not enough for large events. Protiva noted that the City Council had discussed goals for all of the City Departments and updating the Parks Master Plan became one of their top goals.

Sub-Committee Comments

Municipal Pool: Protiva reported that the schematic design was complete and are now working on the engineering design. He added that it appears the design may be over-budget, meaning that portions of the project would need to be eliminated. Protiva stated the he continues to work with the Finance Director, City Manager, and Public Works Director regarding funding of the complete project. He added that they at this point the costs are just estimates and they would not know the true cost until bids are received for the work.

Tree City USA: None.

Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events: None.

Foundation: Springsteen noted they would be meeting next month after the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, discussing various projects.

Parks, Trails & Forests

Potential Pump Track Locations: Protiva stated that a location had been found for the pump track on Wilder property near the Community College.

Management Plan for Forest Park: None.

Coast Guard Station Trail: Kern had asked for an update regarding the maintenance of the trail because of the comment made in the newspaper about its condition. Protiva said that he had not heard of any updates. Simon stated that there may be an opportunity for funding for recreational areas through BLM.

South Beach State Park - Trails: Greenwood stated that the Ports were required to install 3 or 4 recreation trails as part of the NOAA construction. Two sites were being considered along the South Beach jetty system that would allow public access to crabbing. Though not necessarily trails, they are more like pathways to water access.

Develop Next Agenda

Update on Ranger Program Status.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015.

Adjournment

Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.